

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF DECEMBER 14TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Tuesday, December 14th, 1937.

Present

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

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Doctor Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Education and Mr. Howard May, of the firm of Smith and May, Architects, presented to the Board the tabulation of bids received for the construction of alterations and additions to the Maryland State Normal School, located at Bowie, Maryland, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the aforesaid firm of Architects, the tabulation showing that bid of John McShain, 6 W. Madison St., Baltimore, was the lowest, in the amount of \$252,200.00, and it was recommended to the Board of Public Works that they approve the award of the contract to John McShain based on his proposal. It was reported that proceedings in connection with the obtaining of bids had been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Public Works Administration.

After due consideration the Board of Public Works approved the recommendation of Doctor Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Education and Smith and May, Architects, and authorized the execution of the contract with John McShain, Builder, for the work covered by the plans and specifications at the proposal price of \$252,200.00

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The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter dated December 13th, 1937, from the Public Service Commission, advising that the Commission would cooperate with the Board of Public Works in the work of making an appraisal of the buildings on the site which has been selected for the proposed State Office Building at Annapolis.

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The Secretary took up with the Board a petition received from various persons in Annapolis, protesting against the use of the site at Annapolis selected by the Board of Public Works for the new State Office Building. A letter from Annapolis Chamber of Commerce was also presented to the Board and a letter from the First Ward Democratic Club of Annapolis was also read, and in both of which letters objection was noted to the use of the site selected for the building.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the complainants that the Board of Public Works will be ready to hear their objections at a meeting which the Board will hold on Wednesday, January 5th, 1938, at 2:30 o'clock, P.M., in the offices of the Governor in the State House.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Maryland Veterans Commission, dated December 2nd, 1937, advising of the appointment of Major Winfield B. Harward as State Service Officer, effective December 1st, 1937, at an annual salary of \$3,000.00. This was done in accordance with previous action of the Board of Public Works in making available to the Commission an unexpended balance to the credit of the Commission at September 30th, 1935.

There is enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Washington, D.C., dated today, transferring the following described property to the State of Maryland, for use by the State Department of Forestry, the Procurement Division having determined that it is not desired by any Federal agency:

Buildings located on Public land at CCC  
Camp S-60, Westernport, in Garrett County,  
Maryland.

This transfer was requested by the State Forester of Maryland in a letter addressed to the Forest Service, Washington, D. C., on July 24, 1937.

There are not included in this transfer any operating accessories or equipment now on the premises which may be required for further CCC use at other locations. The State Department of Forestry will arrange for taking delivery of the buildings listed above by communicating with the CCC technical and custodial agency, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. N. Rehlaender,  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

Copy to State Dep't  
of Forestry.

The Board authorized the acceptance from the Treasury Department, Procurement Division, Washington, of the property outlined in their letter and the custody of it by the State Department of Forestry.


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Mr. Blakeman presented to the Board a letter addressed to him under date of December 3rd, by Mr. Elmer H. Hammond, State Engineer, relating to repairs and improvements in the State House, estimates being listed showing a cost of \$7,500.00 for the work.

In view of the fact that the Board does not have sufficient money at its disposal to pay for the work as set forth in Mr. Hammond's letter, it was decided the State would be unable to have all the work done, but that since it would be possible to take care of the work to be done in the Governor's suite and in the main hall and foyer of the old building, at a total estimated cost of \$2,800, Mr. Blakeman was authorized to request the State Engineer to secure bids from reliable contractors covering this part of the work, and to submit those bids to the Board for its consideration at a later meeting.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

The Commission requested authority for the continuance of Mr. James J. McGuirk, at a salary of \$100.00 a month, as a permanent employee, Mr. McGuirk having been employed temporarily by the Commission for the past year or so, and handling the work of Grave Registration.

The Commission also requested approval of the appointment of Miss Jessie Krieger, at a salary of \$80.00 a month, in place of Mrs. Margaret Brown.

The Board approved the employment of Mr. McGuirk and Miss Krieger, at the salaries mentioned, payable out of the appropriation to the Commission in the Budget for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that authority be granted to write off as uncollectible certain fines imposed in the Police Court in Prince George's County, the request being approved by Alan Bowie, State's Attorney for Prince George's County and Charles T. LeViness, 3rd., Assistant Attorney General, because of the fact that the Court of Appeals declared unconstitutional the law creating the Police Court.

The Board approved the request that these uncollectible fines be written off.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence from Mr. E. B. Carl, Superintendent of the Maryland State Penal Farm and Mr. Harry Mertz, State Purchasing Agent, relating to the purchases of equipment by employees of the State occupying houses on the property of the Maryland State Penal Farm, and installed in those houses at a time when the State was unable to pay for the equipment because of lack of funds. Mr. Carl recommended that the State reimburse the employees for the amounts expended by them out of the appropriation available to the Maryland State Penal Farm in the General Bond Issue of 1937.

The amounts are as follows -

Calvin B. Hoffman	-	\$65.75
Le Roy W. Elgin	-	\$30.00
Frank T. Lutz	-	\$85.64
Frank T. Lutz	-	\$24.33
Frank T. Lutz	-	\$54.10
J. E. Mitchell	-	\$55.38
Fred W. Smith	-	\$24.85

The Board approved the payment of these bills out of funds available to the Maryland State Penal Farm in the General Bond Issue of 1937.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Public Works Administration, relative to the employment of Clerk-of-the-Works on the several projects on which grants have been made to the State.

The Board authorized the selection of the necessary employees as Clerks-of the Works by the Institutions and Architects handling the projects.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mrs. Adelbert Warren Mears, relative to the lack of appropriation to take care of ladies heretofore provided for in appropriations to the Confederate Women's Home

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and the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home.

The Board felt sympathetic to the predicament involving these ladies, and regretted that there were no funds at its disposal to make available to relieve the situation.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Board of State Aid and Charities, with a view to ascertaining whether there were any funds at the disposal of the Board of State Aid and Charities (Public Assistance Division) which could be used to help these ladies.

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Military Dept.

Mr. Blakeman brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Adjutant General Milton A. Reckord, together with vouchers showing the expenditure of \$293.78, in connection with the calling out of Company "G", 1st Infantry, to active duty to assist the civil authorities in connection with the flood at Cumberland, Maryland, on October 28th, 1937. The Board authorized the payment of the expenses out of funds to the credit of the Emergency Reserve Bond Issue of 1936.

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State Employees

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board two lists headed "Discrepancies in Salary Restorations", setting forth instances where State employees did not receive full salary restorations in accordance with the action of the Board in allocating the appropriation in the Budget for the fiscal year 1938 to restore salaries of State employees to the 1933 basis.

The Board confirmed its attitude, taken at the meeting at which restorations were provided, that employees in the State's service in 1938 should receive salaries equal to those received in 1933, or provided for positions in the 1933 budget, which suffered reductions in salaries in the budgets for the fiscal years 1934 and 1935.

The Secretary was instructed to write the several State Agencies, calling their attention to the discrepancies reported in the statements submitted and request them to take the necessary steps to adjust the salaries of these employees to the 1933 basis as of October 1st, 1937.

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The Board approved a supplemental list submitted by Mr. Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect, covering prevailing minimum wages for labor to be employed on projects at Rosewood State Training School, Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, and Eastern Shore State Hospital, the classifications contained in the supplemental list not having appeared in the lists heretofore approved by the Board.

	Wage Rate for	
	Rosewood	Wage Rate for
	Spring Grove	Eastern Shore
	Springfield }	State Hospital
<u>Skilled</u>		
Blasters	\$1.00 per hr.	\$ .80 per hr.
Caulkers (building openings)	1.00	.80
Crane & Derrick Operators	1.80	.80
Welders	1.25	1.25
Operators of Air Compressors over 400 cu. ft.	1.50	.80
Caulkers (pipes)	1.25	.75
Drain Tile Layers	1.25	.75

Operators of Air Compressors under 400 cu. ft.	\$1.50	.80
Operators of Concrete Mixers - 3 bag and under	1.50	.60
Pipe Layers - Sewer	1.25	.75
Waterproofers	1.00	1.00

Semi-Skilled

Firemen of Boilers	.90	.50
Operators of Pneumatic Drills	.75	.75
Scaffold Builders	.75	.60
Sheet Metal Helpers	.65	.75
Slate and Tile Roofers' Helpers	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	.75
Structural Steel Workers' Helpers	.95	.75
Waterproofers' Helpers	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	.75
Oilers	1.00	.50

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Board of Welfare, asking what disposition should be made of certificate of beneficial interest no. 10704, in the amount of \$16,033.30, covering funds of the Maryland Penitentiary, State Use Department.

The Board was of the opinion that this certificate should be forwarded to the City Certificate Corporation, in accordance with the request of that Corporation, following the decision of a majority of the holders of certificates to turn in their certificates and receive in lieu thereof stock of the Union Trust Company, as set forth in the plan which was approved by the certificate-holders.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

\* The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Doctor Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent, Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, relative to installing glass in the new construction at Henryton.

Of the several bids received by Doctor Cullen for the work, the bid of John E. Curfman of 6 cents per glass for any number of glasses, was lowest, and Dr. Cullen recommended that the work be given to Mr. Curfman.

The Board approved the recommendation and authorized the giving of the work to John E. Curfman.

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